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	First Named Inventor	Anthony J. Muhich
	Original Patent Number	6,386,321
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## APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:

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Utility Patent



Design Patent



Plant Patent

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format  
(amended, if appropriate)
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. ☒ Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. ☒ Power of Attorney
7. ☐ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If Yes, check applicable box(es))  
☐ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(PTO/SB/96)
8. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix)  
or large table
9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all of the following are necessary)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☐ Statement of status and support for all  
changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
11. ☐ Original Patent Grant  
☐ Ribboned Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)  
(if applicable)
13. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS  
Citations
14. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration  
(if applicable)
15. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
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Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	(C) 1	(D) 2	* 0 =	x \$ 0 =	0		x \$ 0 = 0
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## Claims as Amended - Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	*** 17	MINUS ** 20	* = 0	x \$ 0 =	0	OR	x \$ 0 = 0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	*** 3	MINUS ***** 3	= 0	x \$ 0 =	0		x \$ 0 = 0
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- ✓ COPY - SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS (6 sheets) ABSTRACT (1 sheet); DRAWINGS (6 sheets); and 4 sheets showing new claims 8-17 added;
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